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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) There is no separate organization called the Hindustan Boys' Scouts Association at present. The only Scout Organization in this State is the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, which has been formed in 1951 by the merger of the Hindustan Scout Association, the Boys Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association. An annual grant of Rs. 25,600 used to be paid to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, by the Composite State."

" (b) & (c) No specific condition was attached to the grant except that it should be spent on the furtherance of scout movement in the State.

" (d) Audited statements of annual accounts of the Association are not received by the Government.

" (e) Does not arise."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்கார் மானியம் அளிக்கக்கூடிய காலத்தில் அந்த ஸ்தாபனம் பணத்தை எப்படி செலவழிக்கிறது என்பதைப் பார்ப்பதற்கு அவர்களுடைய கணக்குகளை வாங்கிப்பார்க்க முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. Responsible persons connected with the administration also hold office there. Therefore, we though it was not necessary to get a copy of the audited statement of accounts."

Lock-out in the T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara.

* 73 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the result of the conciliation proceedings conducted by the District Labour Officer, Kozhikode, in connexion with the lock-out in the T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, North Malabar, on 18th July 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The industrial dispute that arose between the workers and the management of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, following the closure of the factory on 18th July 1953 was settled by the mediation of the Labour Officer on 1st August 1953."

Retrenchment of staff in the Secretariat Departments.

* 74 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there has been any retrenchment in the staff of the Secretariat by reason of the separation of Andhra, and if so, the number retrenched, their cadre and period of service; and

(b) whether any of them have been absorbed in any other department subsequently?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) After the separation of Andhra on 1st October 1953, the Madras Secretariat was re-organized with effect from 1st November 1953. No member of Secretariat staff appointed regularly

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has been retrenched. Only persons appointed under the emergency provisions as clerks, typists, attenders and peons whose services ranged from a few days to about a year were affected. The figures are—

Designation.	Number affected.	Number since absorbed in the departments in temporary vacancies.
Clerks	75	74
Typists	58	56
Attenders	23	12
Last grade service ..	62	22 "

Dr. K. B. Menon :—" Has the separation of Andhra affected adversely or otherwise the lower grade servants? "

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" Sir, it has affected the last grade servants rather heavily."

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister give us figures regarding retrenchment in districts on account of Andhra separation, to see how far there has been retrenchment in the districts? "

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" No real or substantial question arises in that way, because districts are separate naturally for Andhra and otherwise. The question really comes up only in Madras."

Sri A. Ratnam :—" தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட இன ஊழியர்களை சர்க்கார் வேலையிலிருந்து நீக்கக்கூடாது என்று சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு மனு செய்திருக்கிறார்களா? அப்படி வந்திருப்பின் சர்க்கார் என்ன செய்திருக்கிறது ? "

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" We cannot engage anybody unless he is wanted for work. Government cannot be run on the ' Dole System '. We have re-absorbed 22 of the peons who were sent out and as I have already stated nobody who has been for more than a year previously in service has been affected."

Sri S. Swayamprakasam :—" What is the arrangement, Sir, so far made by the Government to give relief to affected persons? "

The Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari :—" The arrangement made by the Government to give relief is to re-absorb them as and when it is found necessary or possible. I have already explained that persons employed under the emergency provisions who have not put in even a year's service cannot very much complain."

Sri V. R. Nagarajan :—" பணக்காரர்கள் கஷ்டப்படுவதைக் காட்டிலும் ஏழைகள் அதிகமாகக் கஷ்டப்படுவதால் கீழ்த்தர சிப்பந்திகள் ஒருவரும் வேலையில்லாமல் இருக்கக்கூடாது என்பதை கனம் முதல் மந்திரி மனதில் வைத்து அவர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுப்பாரா ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have got it very much in mind, Sir, that poor men suffer more than rich men; I think, I can understand all that easily."

Desilting of the Thiruvanthipuram Anicut, Cuddalore.

* 75 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 11-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Thiruvanthipuram Anicut, Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district, is silted up for the past five years; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken to desilt the same?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A channel 50 feet wide and $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep has been excavated above the anicut, on the left side, to give a clear approach to the supply channel taking off from the anicut. Further, to keep this approach channel and the left margin of the river clear of shoals, proposals for providing additional scour vents for this anicut are under examination by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation)."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" அந்த அணைக்கட்டில் இரண்டு ஆண்டுகளாக மணல் மேடிட்டு தண்ணீர் பாய முடியாமல் இருப்பதால் சுமார் ஆயிரம் ஏக்கர் நிலம் சாகுபடியாகாமலிருப்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரிந்திருந்தும் ஏன் துரிதமாக நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கவில்லை ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that the scheme is under investigation, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" எவ்வளவு காலமாக இத்திட்டம் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It has been so all along. Now we are taking very expeditious steps to attend to this problem."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் இதை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவர அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It cannot be said, Sir. As early as possible."

Certain cases of alleged suicide in the Kollengode hospital.

* 76 *Q*.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any news from Kollengode village, Palghat taluk, Malabar, about the alleged suicide by more than 35 persons who had been admitted in the Kollengode hospital some months ago and if so, what were the reasons for the suicide?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative.